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# AUDIT OF FIRE PREVENTION TASKS

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# Audit objective, focus areas, audited period

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**Audit objective:** to evaluate whether the tasks performed in the disaster prevention system to prevent fires, as well as the organisations contributing to the prevention tasks, have contributed to the protection of life and property safety through their activities.

- **1. focus area:** The contribution of the disaster prevention agencies' information activities for fire prevention to the effective operation of the fire prevention system
- **2. focus area:** The contribution of the disaster prevention agencies' authority activities for fire prevention to the effective operation of the fire prevention system
- **3. focus area:** The contribution of the disaster prevention agencies' for fire prevention to the transparent registration of financial and human resources in the case of information and authority activities for fire prevention

**Audited period:** 2019-2022.

# Audited organizations

**Ministry of Home Affairs**, as an organisation led by the Minister responsible for disaster prevention,

**National Directorate General for Disaster Management (NDGDM)**, as the central disaster management body with national competence, as well as **Regional Bodies** of disaster management operating on county level and in the capital

Organisations affected by audit through audited organisations:

**National Fire Prevention Committee**

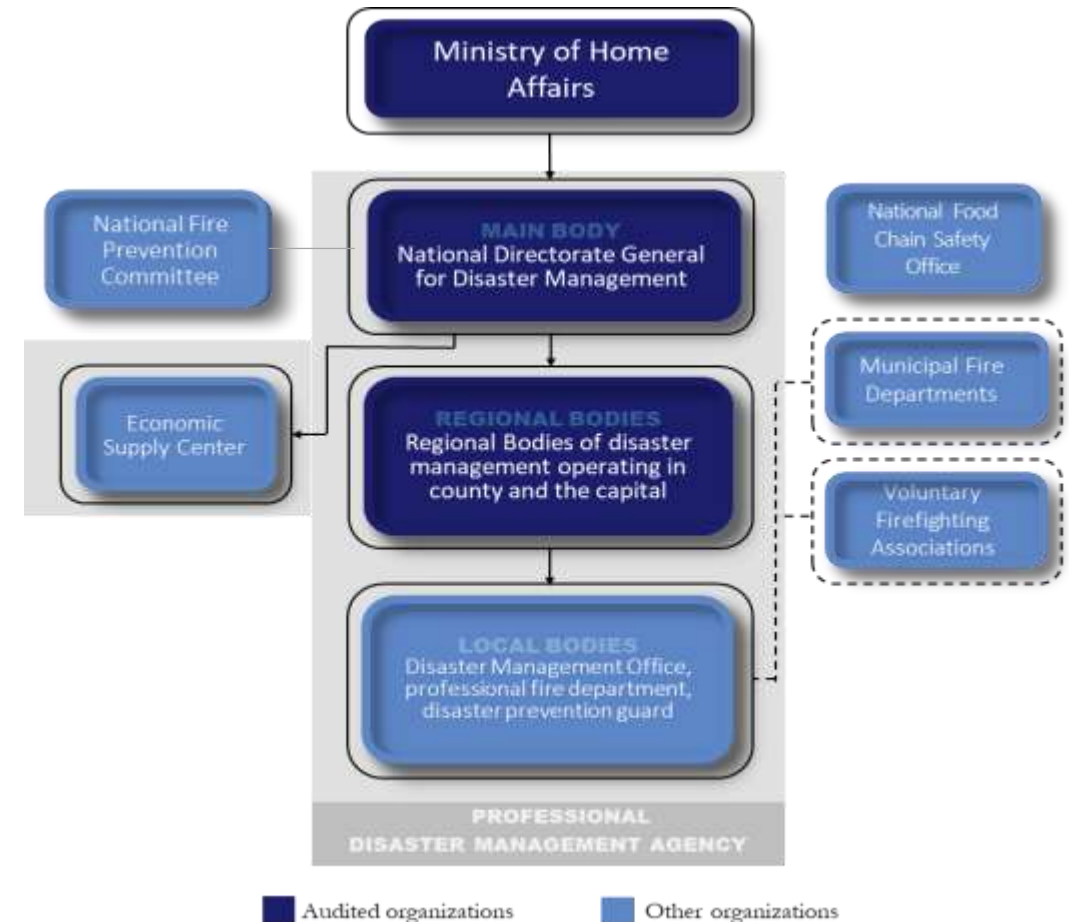
**National Food Chain Safety Office**

**Municipal fire departments**

**Voluntary firefighting associations**

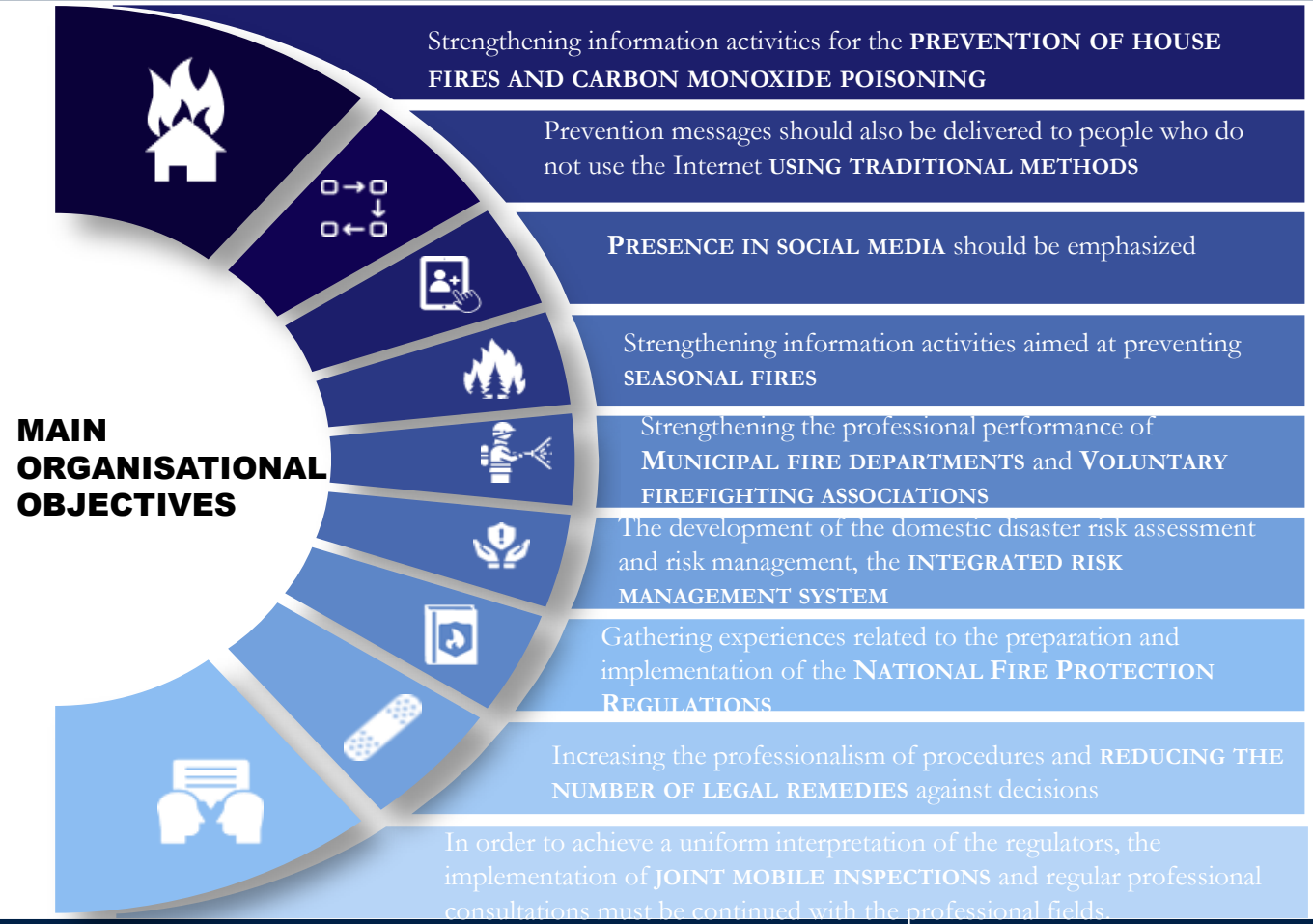
**National Directorate General for Disaster Management**

**Economic Supply Center**



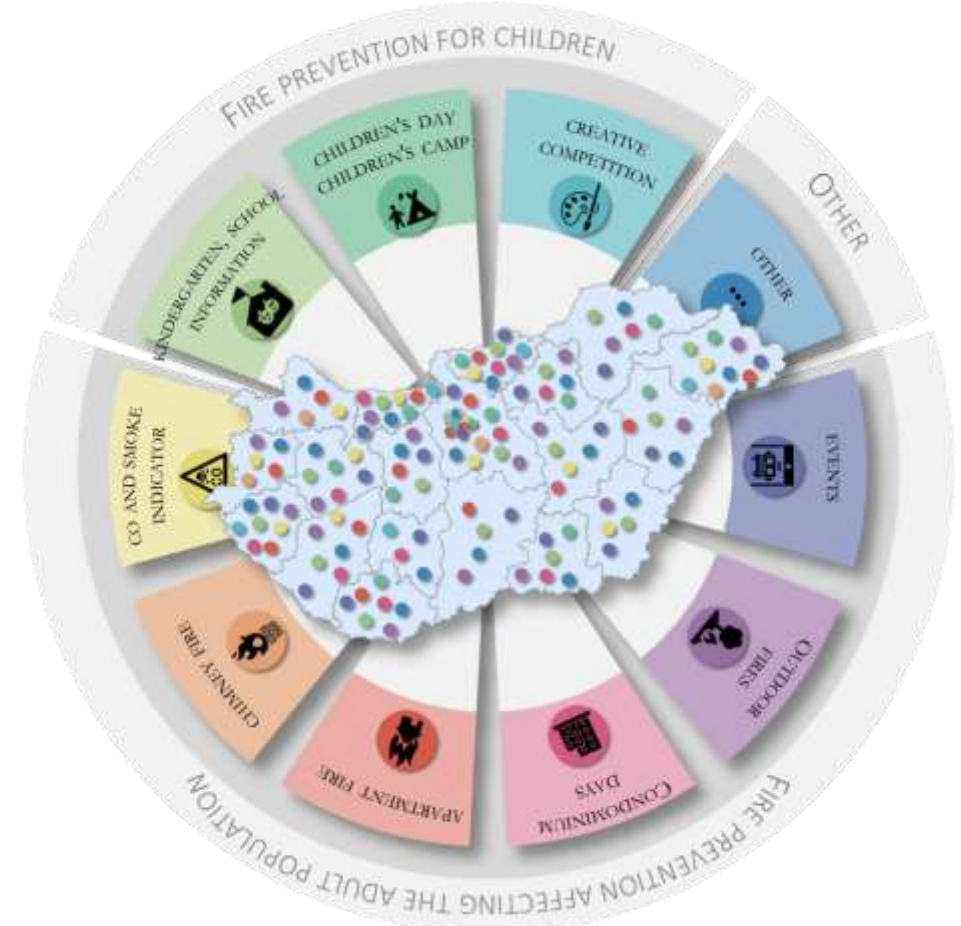
# 1. focus area – Information activity - findings

- The information activities of National Directorate General for Disaster Management and its regional bodies, as well as the organizations cooperating with them, contributed to the operation of the fire prevention system.
- National Directorate General for Disaster Management did not assign traceable target values to the organisational objectives related to information activities, and in the absence of quantified targets, the achieved results could not be measured against target values.



# 1. focus area – Information activity - findings

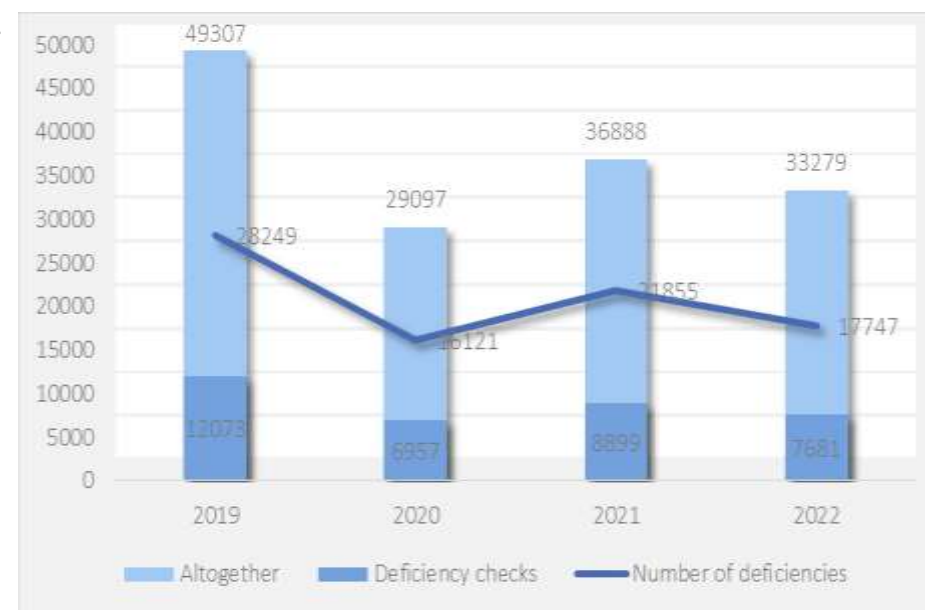
- There was a detailed record of the media appearances of National Directorate General for Disaster Management and regional bodies.
- The extensive and diverse information activities of the regional bodies of disaster management contributed to the operation of the fire prevention system.
- National Directorate General for Disaster Management, National Fire Prevention Committee and regional bodies strengthened the cooperation on informational activities.
- National Directorate General for Disaster Management and National Food Chain Safety Office cooperated in the field of forest fire prevention, the Cooperation Agreement and forest fire protection plans were not renewed.



## 2. focus area – Fire prevention authority and supervisory activities – Findings

- National Directorate General for Disaster Management determined the basic guidelines, rules and methods of planning and task performance, and prepared the annual plans.
- Expanding the range of data from external sources that can be used for risk analysis enables more thorough planning of inspections and more targeted planning of information activities.
- National Directorate General for Disaster Management and its regional bodies contributed to the effective operation of the fire prevention system by performing their fire protection official and supervisory tasks for the sake of fire prevention, taking into account the volume and professionalism of the tasks performed.
- The objective evaluation of individual activities can be further strengthened by using composite indicators.
- The minimum performance requirement values for the number of fire protection official inspections were significantly underplanned by the National Directorate General for Disaster Management, which poses a risk to the performance of the activity.

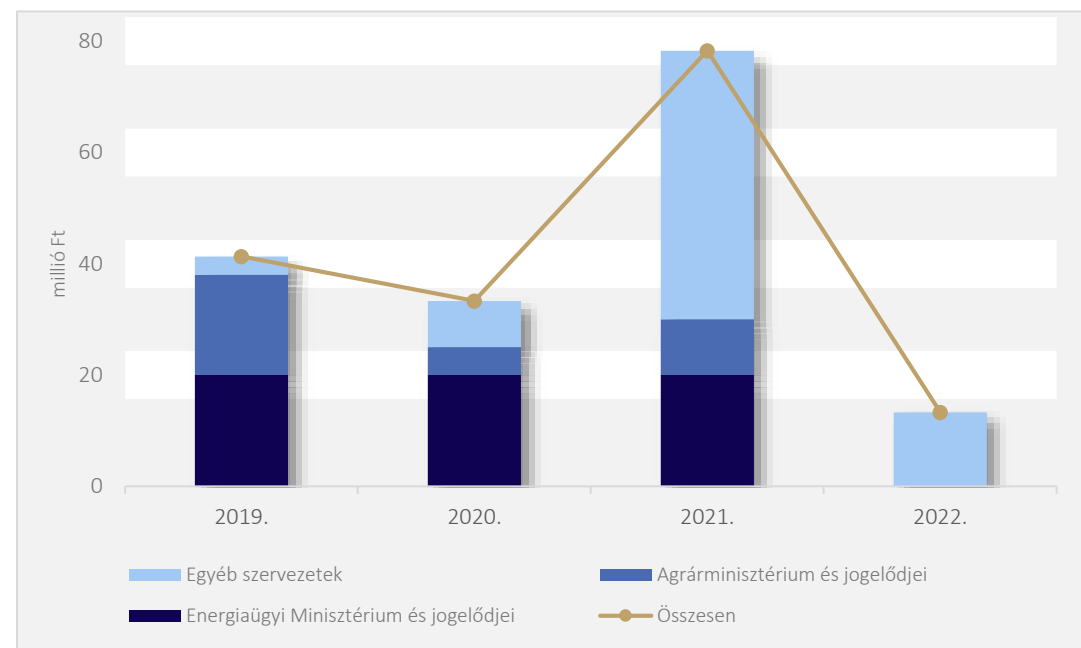
DATA ON DEFICIENCIES DISCOVERED BY FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY INSPECTIONS 2019-2022. YEARS (piece)



### 3. focus area – transparent record of financial and human resources – findings

- The NDGDM did not separately show the proportionate personal allowances of the members of the professional disaster prevention organisation that also carries out fire prevention activities linked to the National Fire Prevention Committee.
- The reduction and termination of National Fire Prevention Committee's central budget support poses a risk to the effectiveness of fire prevention activities.
- The NDGDM and the regional bodies kept records of the subsidized Municipal fire departments, Voluntary firefighting associations, the awarded amount of subsidy, its disbursement, and the accounting for each application and individual assessment.

**Funds available at the National Fire Prevention Committee  
(MILLION HUF/year)**





# Proposals for the Director of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management I.

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1. In the case of information activities carried out for the purpose of fire prevention, take measures to define quantifiable goals and to assign metrics and indicators to the goals.
2. Initiate the renewal of the cooperation agreement between the National Directorate General for Disaster Management and the National Food Chain Safety Office and ensure the complete fulfillment of the tasks stipulated in the cooperation agreement.
3. Initiate the updating of the Forest Fire Protection Plans.
4. Take measures to determine the rules for the risk analysis and the range of data from external and internal sources to be used during the risk analysis, as well as the acquisition, analysis, cleaning, and use of data.
5. Take measures to widen the possibilities of using data from external sources that can be taken into account for the purpose of risk analysis.



## Proposals for the Director of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management II.

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6. Arrange for the use of composite indicators in the evaluation of fire prevention activities.
7. During the organisational performance evaluation, take measures to review the determination of the minimum performance requirement values of the fire protection official inspection.
8. Arrange for the separate disclosure of proportionate personal allowances for members of professional disaster prevention bodies that also carry out fire prevention activities linked to the National Fire Prevention Committee.
9. Initiate the availability of central budget resources for the operation of the National Fire Prevention Committee, if subsidies from other organizations do not ensure the effective operation of the National Fire Prevention Committee.

# Additional utilization possibility

The smoke detectors indicate in time when the amount of smoke in the apartment is harmful to the human body, this helps to escape and intervene. 90% of the victims of house fires lose their lives because of the smoke and because a significant number of deaths can be prevented with smoke detectors.

In some countries (e.g. Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria, the Czech Republic) it is mandatory to install smoke detectors in residential buildings for fire prevention purposes. On the other hand, in our country - considering the income conditions of the population - this is not mandatory.

In the report, we pointed out the different international practices, and also dealt with the issue at the closing meeting

- Comprehensive smoke detector requirement
- At least 1 smoke detector per flat
- No smoke detector requirement



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